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Frobisher (England) to Baffin Island

Nov 4, 1576

Battle of Antwerp
Spanish defeated the Walloons
and took the city of Antwerp
during Netherlands war
of independence

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Germany
Rudolf II King of Bohemia
and Hungary is emperor.

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At its peak, the Netherlands rebellion
vs Philip II of Spain resulted all of the four
countries in the Pacification of Ghent (1576)
But Alessandro Farnese, the governor of
the Netherlands, recovered the southern
provinces (modern Belgium & Luxembourg)
for Spain

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The Antwerp Massacre
Spanish troops killed 6 000
people and burned 800 houses;
known as the "Spanish Fury"; led
to a Low Country edict of all
religious persons no longer
together in the Pacification of Ghent.
The North & south drifted apart. In
1579, the south formed the Union
of Arras (confirming Philip II as

sovereign), the north, the Union of Utrecht. The latter effectively marked the foundation of the Dutch republic (The United Provinces), whose states-general formally deposed Philip II by the Act of Abjuration (1581)

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Requersens died, Poification
of Shent.
Don John takes Requersens
place.